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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. **These references were cited in a Chinese Office Action (copy enclosed with partial English language translation) in a corresponding foreign application.**

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rule 104. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "Reference Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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